

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Andhra Pradesh Forest Department – Allegations of illegal mining and encroachments in the Bellary Reserve Forest Area of Ananthapur Forest Division – Constitution of Multi-Disciplinary Survey team for assisting the Central Bureau of Investigation for inspection, survey and to demarcate the lease boundary correctly – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FOR.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 122

Dated: 7.12. 2009

Read the following:

1. GO. Rt. No.723, Industries & Commerce Department, Dt. 25.11.2009.
2. From MoEF, GoI, Lr.F.No.11-244/2008-FC, Dt. 30.11.2009.
3. From GOI, MoEF, Lr.F.No.11-244/2008-FC, dt. 30-11- 2009.
4. From GOI, Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training, notification dated.1.12.2009.
5. From GOI, MOEF, F.No.11-244/2008-FC, Dt. 4-12-2009.

ORDER:

Pursuant to the recommendations of the 3 member committee formed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, the Government in Industries & Commerce Department have issued orders suspending mining operations including transportation of already mined material from 6 mines in the Bellary Reserved Forest area in Ananthapur District. The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India in their letter 2nd and 3rd read above, while suspending the approval granted in favour of Bellary Iron Ore Pvt. Ltd., Obulapuram Mining Company Private Limited and four mines have requested the State Government to complete the survey by the Survey of India in a time bound manner.

2. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have entrusted the matter to the CBI for enquiry into the allegations of illegal mining and encroachments in Bellary Reserved Forest Area of Ananthapur Forest Area. The Government of India, Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions, Department of Personnel and Training have issued a notification on 1.12.2009 entrusting the case to CBI for enquiry / Investigation.

3. The Government after examining the issue have decided to constitute a Multi-Disciplinary Survey team for assisting the Central Bureau of Investigation for inspection of the mines on the allegations of illegal mining and encroachments in the Bellary Reserved Forest Area of Ananthapur Forest Division and also to survey and demarcate the lease boundaries correctly. Accordingly, Government hereby constitute a Multi-Disciplinary Survey Team with the following:

1. Sri Sitaram Gupta, Spl. PCCF, O/o PCCF, A.P, Hyderabad
2. Sri. B.R.V Sushil Kumar, Joint Director, Mines and Geology Department, A.P.
3. Deputy Director, Survey and Land Records, Government of A.P.,
4. Sri. J.N. Saxena, Former PCCF, Maharashtra Forest Department (Nominee of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.)
5. Sri. R.K Upadhyay, Presently working as CCF, Forest Department, Tamilnadu (Nominee of Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.)
6. Nominee of Director General of Forest Survey of India. (As recommended by MOEF)
7. Nominee of Director General of Survey of India. (As recommended by MOEF).

4. The terms of reference of the committee are as follows:

1. Fixing of lease boundaries of all six individual Iron Ore mining leases on the ground as per the lease sketches approved by Government of India at the time of approval of the lease, in the same chronological order i.e. first fixing the lease on ground which was first approved.
2. Fixing of the inter state boundary between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka state in Bellary RF where mining leases sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh state are bordering Karnataka state.
3. Prepare a combined sketch of (5) mining leases located in a cluster at one place and the sketch of the 6th lease (M/s. OMC – 68.50 Ha.) located separately.
4. Identify un allotted forest land with its extent, if any, in between the mining leases located in the cluster.
5. Identify inter lease encroachments with its extent, if any between the mining leases held by various lease holders.
6. Identify the illegal mining by the lease holders, if any over the un allotted forest lands.
7. Identify illegal / unauthorized activities such as construction of road, dumping etc. taken up by the lease holders other than permitted by the Government of India / State Government.
8. Identify excessive mining, if any, over and above quantities permitted by the GOI / GOAP by the lease holders.
9. Identify the location of Sugulamma Devi Temple.

5. The committee shall draw on the services of the technical staff of Forest, Revenue, Mines and Geology Departments and also call for the records / files required by the committee. The concerned departments / authorities will make available all necessary documents / files time to time as required by the committee.

6. Sri. B.K Singh, Senior Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Forest Conservation Division) MOEF, GOI and Sri. S.B.L. Misra, APCCF (FC), O/o of PCCF, GOAP are the nodal officers to provide the necessary details and documents to the Multi Disciplinary Team.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Members of the Committee through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Ministry of Environment & Forest,
Government of India, Paryavaran Bhavan,
CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.

Copy to:

The Industries & Commerce Department.

The Home Department.(With a request to forward the Go to CBI)

The Revenue Department.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, (Central),
Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional office
(Southern Zone), Kendriya Sadan, Ivth Floor, E&F Wings,
17th Main Raod, II Block, Koramangala, BANGALORE-560 034.

P S to Chief Secretary to Government.

SF/SC

//FORWARDED:BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER